

BOROUGH OF KINNELON
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:34pm) (Meeting held via Zoom)

Roll Call: Attending: Mayor J. Freda, Chairperson T. Roselius, Vice Chairperson R. Roy, Council Liaison Randall Charles, G. Sisco, S. Spinelli, Environmental Committee Liaison S. Simptner, Land Conservancy Liaison L. Glosinski
Absent: Camille Balo

Comments: George Warren has resigned; Randall Charles is our new Council Liaison; Camille Balo is our high school senior representative; she would like to stay on the committee but is unclear if her position with the National Guard will allow her to do this.

Hearing from the Public – None

Review/approve meeting minutes - Minutes for December 11, 2019 were approved; motion by Mayor J. Freda, seconded by S. Spinelli, all in favor, none opposed, R. Charles abstained.

Reorganization Meeting: G. Sisco made a motion to appoint T. Roselius as Chairperson and seconded by R. Charles; T. Roselius made a motion to appoint R. Roy as Vice Chairperson and seconded by R. Charles; T. Roselius made a motion to appoint L. Gakos as recording secretary and seconded by R. Charles; all motions-all in favor, none opposed.

Various Committee Reports:

Council: R. Charles-1) Meeting with Mayor of Montville-one family purchased both tracts of the Wheeler in both Kinnelon and Montville, including the Boy Scout Camp; 2) County park system purchased 10 acres on Brookvalley Terrace-will put in parking for **Waugham** Trail system); 3) County moving forward with triangle landlocked lots of 1-3 acres to close up for new park; 4) Jim-The turf field facility at high school was a 3 million donation by resident, given directly to Board of Education with specific criteria-not a borough matter.

Planning Board Committee: T. Roselius-Adopted the Critical Habitat Conservation and Management Plan; approved October 2020. Link to the plan is on website under Planning Board. Pertains to new development in boro which is limited due to preservation areas. First time the plan has been put in place in the state (with help from the Land Conservancy and Highlands Council). At February meeting accepted their planners' study of the condemnation area in need of redevelopment for 2 commercial lots located behind Lowe's-only undeveloped land in our boro that is in the planning section of the Highlands. Council to decide what to do with those lots.

Environmental Committee: S. Simptner-Nothing new to report; have had no meetings.

L'Ecole: R. Roy-1) Going thru paperwork to try and get work done in time for boro anniversary. 2) DPW performing repairs in building-still not open to public.

Old Business:

New Pond- Nothing new to report.

Town Wide Trail Plan and Open Space Site Visits-On hold.

Dog Park-Nothing new; DPW site determined not large enough.

ROSI-Don't have to update until there is a new agreement.

KCC-Nothing new to report.

Totowa Constructors- (Highland and Boonton Ave.) Nothing new to report.

Totowa Construction #2 (155 Boonton Avenue)- Had to vote parcel out of homeowner's association and nothing has moved on that.

Critical Habitat Management Plan (CHMP)-Finished. Very well laid out document.

The Morris County grant for Boonton Ave property was successful and the boro received \$150,000 towards that project.

New Business: T. Roselius-March 2012 Open Space Plan needs to be updated. Has to be done every 10 years to be eligible for Green Acres funding for open space projects. May be able to obtain grant from the Highlands. Have to update to be eligible for Green Acres funding. Stony Brook Highlands Park, KCC and the dam's two lots are all properties that been acquired and are not included in the plan; would be good to update the plan and get the recognition for the property that the boro has preserved. Plan is still current so we receive 50% of acquisition-if plan lapses, only receive 25% towards acquisition. Plan takes approx. one year to put together. It's an analysis of the boro to identify potential acquisitions-draft is then submitted to Green Acres for potential funding. The Open Space Committee makes a recommendation to the Council that we move forward at this point. All in favor, none opposed. 4) Boro council has approved 2021 Land Conservancy contract.

Closed Session: Purpose of closed session: to discuss open space land acquisitions which are confidential.
-Motion to go into closed session, time: 8:10pm: S. Spinelli, seconded by G. Sisco, all in favor, none opposed.
-Motion to go back to open session time: 8:18pm: B. Roy, seconded by S. Spinelli, all in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 7:30 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:18 on a motion by G. Sisco and seconded by S. Simptner, all in favor, none opposed.

At the July 13, 2022 Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, on a motion made by Randall Charles and seconded by Tamara Roselius, and the affirmative voice vote of all members present except Thomas Ott, Katherine Galarza and Jessica Zelenak who abstained, the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. All in favor-none opposed.

